

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

DATE: November 17, 2005

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 5:32 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

Monroe Gray, Jr., Chair
Vernon Brown
Bob Cockrum
Susie Day
Dane Mahern
William Oliver
Earl Salisbury

Absent Members

Ron Gibson

PROPOSAL NO. 596, 2005 - transfers and appropriates \$14,324 in the 2005 Budget of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Non-Lapsing Federal Grants Fund) to pay for staff and related expenses for the K-Plus extended day programming at IPS Christian Park School #82, financed by transfers within characters and a federal grant
"Do Pass" Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 597, 2005 - transfers \$14,327 in the 2005 Budget of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Federal Grants Fund) between characters to reimburse the Park General Fund for staff expenses incurred in support of the Summer Lunch program, provided for in a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture
"Do Pass" Vote: 7-0

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Parks and Recreation Committee of the City-County Council met on Thursday, November 17, 2005 at the Indianapolis Museum of Art. Chair Monroe Gray, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present: Vernon Brown, Bob Cockrum, Susie Day, Dane Mahern, William "Duke" Oliver, and Earl Salisbury. Absent was Ron Gibson.

Chair Gray introduced Lawrence A. O'Connor, Jr., Interim CEO, Indianapolis Museum of Art (IMA), and Marsha Oliver, Assistant to Mr. O'Connor.

Mr. O'Connor summarized that the IMA has reopened a newly expanded facility, spending approximately \$120 million and employing local construction companies, architects, etc. He noted that there would be an opening of African and Asian exhibits in February of 2006. He added that IMA employs 325 individuals and an additional 80 individuals who are involved with Puck's Restaurant, which is located in the museum.

Mr. O'Connor said that IMA's next major project is an art and nature park. He stated that there is one issue that is very important to the museum, as well as the neighborhood, which is the 38th Street Corridor and Maple Road Project. He said there is interest in having the project extended to Cold Spring Road and having it pedestrian and bicycle-friendly. Chair Gray emphasized the importance of this project.

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Wayne Simpson, Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), explained that this funding is an appropriation of extended new money and a transfer of money from Character 03 to Character 01. He stated that this grant comes from the Indiana Department of Education and is a reimbursable grant.

Lisa Leming, Manager, Quality Programs and Facilities, DPR, summarized that this is the second year that DPR has been involved in the K-Plus program, which serves approximately 30 kindergartners, both in the morning and afternoon classes. There is a full curriculum, an education component, and a recreation component.

Councillor Brown moved, seconded by Councillor Mahern, to send Proposal No. 596, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

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Mr. Simpson summarized that this appropriation is a transfer from Character 03 to Character 01 and consists of residual dollars from the grant for the summer lunch program.

Chris Karimu, Neighborhood Parks Coordinator, explained that this program is open to youth ages 18 and under. DPR provides this program in cooperation with Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS), Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), and other local centers. This year alone approximately 101,760 lunches were served.

Chair Gray noted that the age issue has been questioned, but during his numerous trips to the parks during the lunch hours in the summer he has never seen any child turned away due to age.

Councillor Brown moved, seconded by Councillor Oliver, to send Proposal No. 597, 2005 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Parks and Recreation Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Monroe Gray, Jr., Chair
Parks and Recreation Committee

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